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Reference teletype from the Bureau dated October 2, 1945, instructed that investigation be reopened to determine the present whereabouts and activities of the subject, inasmuch as Radio Commentator JILIE FILLER on Sunday, September 30, 1945, awarded citations to the subject and subject's wife, MARKELEINE CARROLL.

The Times Herald newspaper on September 28, 1945, carried an article concerning the subject, together with a picture of the subject and his wife. This article stated as follows:

"Stirling Hayden, former motion picture star, topped his Hollywood heroics in his war role as marine Capt. JOHN HAVILTON in the European theater of operations, the Office of Strategic Services rovealed yesterday.

"The 6-foot 4-inch actor, who is married to actress MATELEINE CARROLL, engaged in secret missions into enemy territory to rescue American fliers shot down over central Europe.

"Hayden asked acourt to change his name to 'John Hamilton' to bury his movie identity when he was commissioned. He operated a small fishing boat along the Dalmatian and Albanian coasts.

"As head of a rescue team, the former movie star, helped Allied Fliers escape to Italy, carried supplies to OSS agents in Yugoslavia and Greece, and aided Marshal Tito's Partisans in their warfare against the Germans.

"In August, 1944, Hayden and two other marines were dropped by parachute into Yugoslavia to establish contact with Allied airmen wandering around that country in search of a way into friendly territory.

"By foot and pack train, the three crossed German communication lines four times, dodging enemy patrols, to reach their destination in five days. They rescured several Americans. WFO 100-16,900



"Hayden was a seafarer for 10 years before he went into the movies. He served in fishing schooners out of Gloucester, Kass.; and twice sailed around the world.

"He enlisted as a private in October 1942, at New York when he was already a qualified parachutist.

"He had been graduated from a British commando school which he attended as a civilian."

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CONFLICTION

was outside the territorial limits of the United

States.

The Marine Corps records contained a notation to the effect that the subject recently attempted to transfer from the U. S. Marine Corps to the War Shipping Administration. No details of this transfer could be ascertained at this time.

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It was not deemed advisable at the present time to contact regarding subject's present whereabouts.

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Will attempt to discreetly ascertain from the War Shipping Administration the circumstances surrounding the reported attempt by the subject to transfer from the U.S. Larine Corps to the War Shipping Administration.

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to ascertain any further information concerning the activities of this subject, and should such information be obtained, it will be made known irmediately to the New Haven office. The New Baven file indicates that on 9-28-45 the Stamford Edvocate newspaper carried an Associated Press article concerning STERLING HAYDEN and his connection with the Office of Strategic Bervices and his war line activities. In addition to the information which is set forth in referenced report, this article reflects that before entering upon his movie career, Jn.337171100-10511

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the subject was a commercial fisherman in Glodester, Mass and the real name was STERLING HAYDEN; that his name was legally changed to HAMMITON to disassociate himself from his povie career at the time he enlisted in the armed service, and that his home was in arrington, Mass, before he became an actor.

The records of the Town Clerk Town Hall, Borwalk Counceticut, Iails to disclose to date, the filing of a certificate of discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps for this subject, under either his correct name or aliaces.

There being no further investigation in the New Haven office, this came is referred upon completion to the office of origin,

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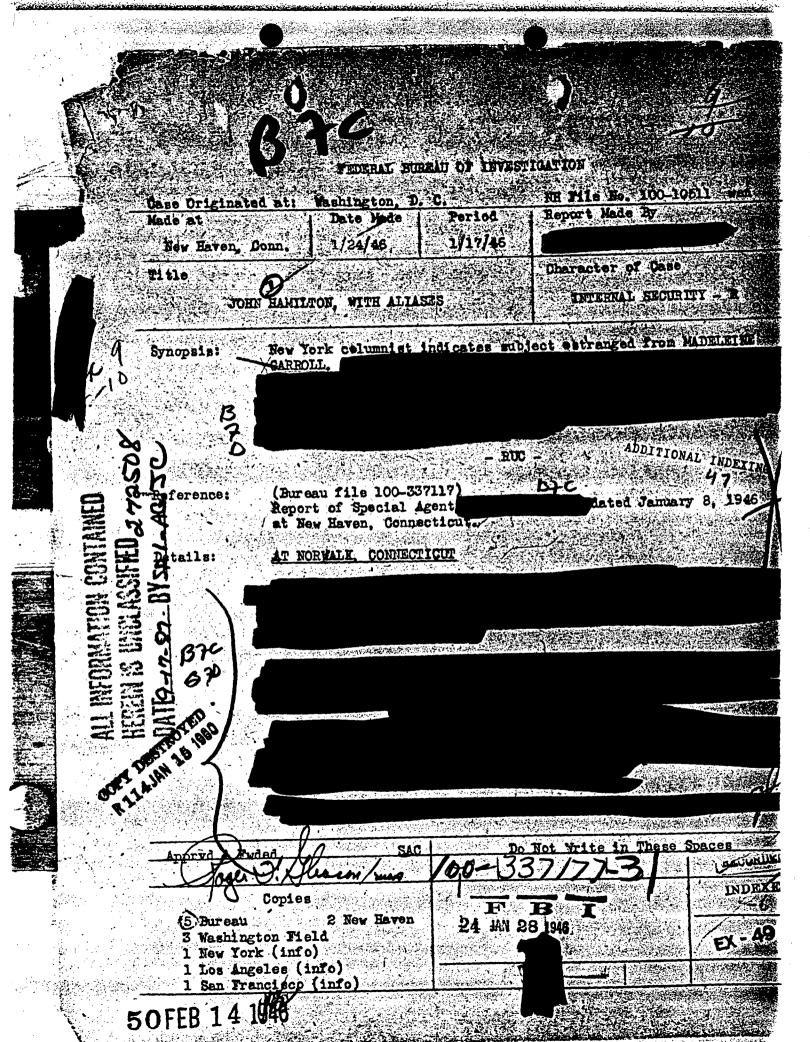
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

One copy of this report is designated for the New York Field Division Inasmuch as referenced report carries a lead for that office for the purpose of attempting to ascertain the present whereabouts of the subject;

copies of this report are also being furnished to the Los ingeles and San Francisco Field Divisions for information purposes in connection with the investigation entitled, "Comintern Apparatus".



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The syndicated column of Walter Winchell which appeared in the New Haven.
Register newspaper on January 7, 1946 carried the following which is quoted therefrom:

"Stirling Hayden, estranged from Madeleine Carroll, and Conover doll Kyl MacDonnell are casting the same shadow."

There being no further investigation in the New Haven Field Division, this case is accordingly referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

One copy of this report has been designated for each of the New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco Field Divisions in view of their interest in the subject's activities.

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Director, FBI DATE: February 15, 1946 SAC, New York SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases INTERNAL SECURITY - R Bureau File 100-337117 Reference is made to the report of Special Agent made at Washington, D. C. and dated November 15, 1945, which set out a lead for the New York Office to report any information available which might indicate the present whereabouts of the above named subject This same report also contained a lead for the New Haven Field Division to attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of the subject. Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent made at New Haven and dated January 24, 1946, which reflects that A review of the files of the New York Field Division reflects that no further information exists in connection with the subject. Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted in this Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin. Declassify on: OADR 9.17-87 Classified by DD ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE cc Washington Field 16 FEB 20 1946 100-70266 58 MAR

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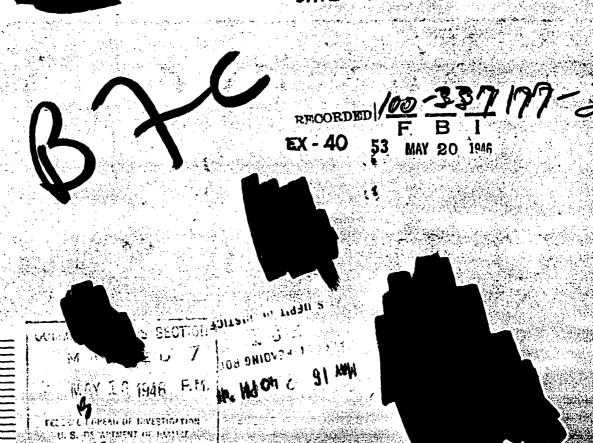
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It is noted that the last report submitted by your effice in the above case was the pending report of Special Agent dated November 15, 1945.

It is desired that this investigation be immediately afforded appropriate additional attention and a supplemental report, submitted to the Bureau within the very near future.

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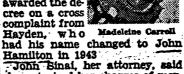
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RENO, Nev., May 8 (AP)—Although she was nearly 5,000 miles away, Screen Actress Madeleine Carroll was awarded a divorce today from John Hamilton, a ma-

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better known
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screen name of
Stirling Hayden.

Miss Carroll, who has been in Paris through most of the war ind postwar beriod engaged in charity work, was awarded the decree on a cross



John Sinal, her attorney, said the notarized her charges of mental cruelty.

Although Hayden changed his name originally "to dissociate myself from the artificiality of the motion picture," he said today he was returning to the screen and speady was on Paramount Pittres pay roll waiting for a partitre Hamiltons were married in 1142. A property settlement was reached out of court.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 100-16900 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON, D. C. definction; D. C. JOHN HAMILTON, was, Sterling Bayosn, Stiraing Havelon, Sterling Walters, Sterling Hamilton, Capt. Sterling Walter Hayden, John Hamilton, Capt. Sterling Walter Hayden, John Hamilton, Capt. Sterling Walter Montaien Relyes falter, Sterling Relyes Walter, reviewed; all undeveloped leads covered. ogical investigation completed. Bureau file 100 337117 REFERENCE: dated January 24 Report of Special Agent 1946 at New Haven. AT WASHINGTON, D. C. DETAILS: review of the file in instant case reflects that the subject, JOHN HAMILTON, is presently residing in Norwalk, Connecticut Instant file reflects that all undeveloped leads in this case have been covered and that all logical investigation has been conducted. The subject apparently has not been active in Communist circles for sometime and no further investigation is being conducted Bureau - New Haven (information) - Washington Field

One copy of this report is being transmitted to the Mew Hawen Field Division for information purposes instantch as the subject presently maintains his home at Normalk, Connecticut.

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Field Office or the New Hoven Office is make at the present time of the subjection location, his activities, or his contacts. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Classified by QQLA EXCEPT WHERE SHOWS Declassify on: OADR 9-17 OTHERWISE AULUCATIONS ESCTION BORN ENAFAU OF INVESTIGATION